

The Official Newsletter of the Kansas City DX Club

# ***KC DX NEWS***

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**NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Jan.29,** -The next KCDXC meeting will be a LIVE meeting at the JOCO Library, in the Central Logan room, 9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park KS, 66212.Start: 6:30pm. Zoom meeting is available also.

**KØXM RESIGNS- SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS!**

## **KØAP FEATURED IN QST:**

KCDXC members are encouraged to checkout the latest issue of QST. KØAP is featured in the Feb. 2024 Member Spotlight. Dragan's immigration to America and road to success is highlighted in the national journal. His history and the friendship of AAØMZ led Dragan and his family to Kansas. It is an outstanding story! Congratulations, Dragan!

Picture copied from QST!



## KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	353	236		227	55	2382
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K3PA	352	350	351	325		194	36	2753
N0CWR	350	350	350	326	985	207	101	2933
NX0I	350	349	347	271		211	6	2522
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112	36	2641
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
AC0A	348	321	348	221	888	25	15	2295
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
KS0DX	347	324	337	225	360	107		2516
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
K0GY	344	342	344	292			5	2316
KB0X	336							
KE5BR	335	177	297	79				742
W0QQ	335	251	332	252	151	118	41	2018
WA0WOF	335							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
K0THN	334	322	288	193	243	1		1929
K4SX	331	280	320	187		52	82	1773
W0MB	329	255	326	285		45		1849
K0XM	326	292	275	225		113	24	1858
AC0C	315	306	269	250	359	130	3	2037
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
K0UR	304							
K0IZ	300		300					
N0EG	276	206	182	155		30	14	935
NS0D	266	212	133	162		3	2	810
AD0K	265	247	88	200	209	36	6	940
AI6O	263	237	200	171		20	10	1027
W0XE	248	216	193	14				832
W0DR	229	30	174	70		10	7	622
N9GB	203							
K0RAR	195	26	55	191	188	18	13	1027
N0RC	186	42	52	177	82	3	3	788
W0ZAP	171	39	76	149	21		5	655
W0HL	101	23	52	83		5	7	257
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	138

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions. NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com) . Please only one update a month.

# The President's Corner

By KØXM

It has taken me a little bit to word this properly, but in the long run- I thought short and to the point is best.

I will not be functioning as the President of the KC DX Club for 2024/2025 term. Due to some events of late, I have decided it would be best for me to allow someone else to perform those duties to the best of their capabilities. According to the By-Laws, the Vice President should fulfill the position until a replacement is voted in, and Lee will make a very viable President until a replacement is elected, as he has held the position before.

Thanks for your support, and I wish the club continued growth and success under the new President.-KØXM



## The Vice President's Corner

January 2024

Lee KØLW

We enter a new year with limited leadership (that means in need of a President, not that I am limited...well, maybe).

Chuck did a remarkable job at upping the technology and bringing us out of Covid by capitalizing on Zoom and the library to make our meetings easier for the ones who couldn't drive to the library.

Chuck's DX, Contesting and IT skills have really helped the club and he brought knowledge and insight to the club that helped the OT's and Newbies alike. Very valuable assets.

With that, finding volunteers to help guide the club has always been a problem to get members to step up and help the club. I have a few immediate ideas for the club.

1. We need to have an election in February to elect a new president.
2. A volunteer needs to step up and become our Webmaster. The website needs regular attention and I'm sure we have a member who can handle it.

3. We need an A/V person to handle the Zoom meeting. A laptop can be provided. A camera and tripod would be helpful.
4. We need a volunteer to submit a DX summary like Chuck, did monthly along with upcoming Contests. That could be 2 separate jobs if we can get 2 volunteers.

Who will be the first to step and take one of these jobs?

Any other suggestions are encouraged.

This is a great club and has a long history of DXing and Contesting. Let's continue the legacy.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 870 2915 7891 Passcode:

645704

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Overland Park, KS 66212

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Lee, KØLW

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November 27, 2023

By KØTHN

#### Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

The November 2023 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Chuck Kraly, KØXM, at 6:31pm CST. The meeting was conducted in the Johnson County Central Resource Library Branch, Carmack Community Room, and on Zoom.

#### Agenda

1. Christmas Party
2. Officer Nominations
3. Member reports
4. Discussion
5. DXpeditions and Contests including WØAR Results
6. Zoom Link Always Up
7. Dues
8. Comments and next meeting

#### Christmas Party

The party will be held Dec. 16 at Jess and Jims in Martin City. Send your intent to attend and number of guests to Lee, KØLW. We will order off the menu.

#### Officer Nominations (and election)

President - Jim, ACØKN, nominated Chuck Kraly, KØXM. Kraly accepted the nomination. Then a general call was made for all existing officers to be renominated for the next two-year term. The existing officers are as follows: President Chuck Kraly, KØXM; Vice President, Lee Ward, KØLW; Treasurer, Rick Parent, WØZAP; Secretary, Charlie Hett, KØTHN. Then a call to elect these candidates unanimously was made and these candidates were deemed duly elected for

a two-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2025.

#### Member Reports

Craig, KØYO, is working on CAT for his radio.

Rick, NØRB, worked the CQWWCW contest search and pounce and reported that his club meets quarterly.

Mike, ABØX, played in the CQWWCW contest and Jeff, ACØC, helped him reset his radio.

Dennis, WØHL, worked some DX.

Jay, WØJD, helped a Southside ARC friend put up an antenna.

Jim, ACØKN, participated in a fox hunt with the Lawrence ARC.

Kay, WAØWOF, worked number 335 total, 329 current dx entities.

Mike, WØMB, worked CQWWCW on 10-meters only and had great conditions.

Mark, KIØI, received a 3YØJ QSL, did not participate in the contest but did go deer hunting.

Phil, WBØFHK, put up an antenna for the 10-meter contest.

Josh, NØEG, made 300 CQWWCW contacts from his couch. Wow!

Roger, NIØR, has made four new All Time New ones in the last few contacts.

Larry, KDØIRU, had a house full of family so did no contest work.

Dennis, KSØDX, has been hit and miss on DX.

Larry, KFØFXU, QRU.

Ron, KØBRO, QRU.

Charlie, KØTHN, CQWWCW search and pounce.

Lee, KØLW, 10-meters is hot.

Dave, W7FB, QRU

Steve, WØMW, lots of guests in his house so not much radioactivity.

Dragan, KØAP, CQWWCW 1500 QSOs, 2.5million points. Way to go Dragan!

Chuck, KØXM, received his ARRL Triple Play award.

#### Discussion

A general discussion followed about how to increase membership and attendance. Here are some of the ideas presented.

Ron, KØBRO, suggested that we discontinue including Zoom participants with the hope that it would increase our in-person attendance. While that may be true, it would also exclude several people who live a long distance from the meeting place. The suggestion was denied.

Dennis, KSØDX, suggested having the meetings in various places. This idea could be considered if viable locations are found.

Jay, WØJD, suggested that we accommodate longer meetings by starting those meetings earlier. This would inconvenience those that are still employed. It is worth considering though.

Ron, KØBRO, suggested interviewing those who have stopped attending regularly so that we can address their concerns. He also suggested having quarterly meetings.

Someone suggested putting together an informational handout sheet that we can pass out at hamfests or other gatherings.

### DXPeditions

I do not generally report DX notices here because the information is so perishable. The DXWORLD DXpedition Time-Line is a great tool to see upcoming DXpeditions.

<https://www.dx-world.net/tag/dx-world-dxpedition-timeline/>.

Chuck also uses the NG3K Announced DX Operations website for information. This information is also available on the <https://kcdxclub.org/dxpeditions> website.

### Contests

As usual, see the WA7BNM online calendar <https://www.contestcalendar.com/>.

The one we are most looking forward to is probably the ARRL 10-meter contest.

The annual club W0AR contest will close at 23:59:59Z on December 31. Send your scores to Chuck, K0XM. <mailto:k0xm@k0xm.net>

### Zoom Link

Chuck, K0XM, reports that the zoom link is available 24/7 for us to use.

Meeting ID: 870 2915 7891

Passcode: 645704

### Special Note of Appreciation to Kay, WA0WOF

Chuck, K0XM, thanked Kay for her story in the November newsletter "Never Give Up on A QSL Card".

Dues for 2023 are Due now and soon for next year \$20

### Next Meeting

There will be NO regular meeting in December because we have the Christmas party. The next regular meeting will be January 29, 2024, the last Monday of the month, on Zoom and presumably at the Johnson County Central Resource Library. Chuck is attempting to find a meeting place that will not subject us to the library's time constraints.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary.

## DXCC CARD CHECKING

If you need QSL cards checked for any ARRL award, the KCDXC has two certified ARRL card checkers. K0LW and AB0X both are available to check cards before KCDXC meetings. Please email in advance so the two checkers can plan on arriving early to complete their QSL chores before the meeting starts. Contact Lee at [k0lw160@gmail.com](mailto:k0lw160@gmail.com) or [K0LW@arrl.net](mailto:K0LW@arrl.net) . Contact Mike at [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com) .



# KCDXC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pictures de KØLW



## DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

### OPERATING TIP #4

Recently while I was calling a DXpedition on CW that was on the air, it came to mind that many new DXers, and some old ones, struggle a little when the DXpedition goes to split frequency operation. Commonly, they will say, "Up!."

There will always be a few who don't listen and call on his frequency several times before the multitude slams him with, "Up! Up!"

But most listen better than that and immediately start calling the DX up. On CW, I have found that usually means Up 1 KHZ, at a minimum. I like to go up 1.2 KHZ and call since 99% of the callers usually tune the remote VFO exactly 1 KHZ up. When the DX station is using sharp filter settings, this will put you right in the clear on an open frequency.

Using this approach has allowed me to log many DXpeditions quickly and efficiently.

Have an operating tip of your own? Send it in to the Editor for the newsletter. Don't be shy! [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com)

## DX NEWS:

ARLD002 DX news

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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT January 11, 2024

To all radio amateurs

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

LIBYA, 5A. Abubaker, 5A1AL has been active on 80, 60, and 40 meters at various times using FT8. QSL via Club Log.

MOROCCO, CN. Michel, F5LRL will be QRV as CN2DX near Kenitra from January 20 to February 10. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using CW and SSB, with FT8 on 6 meters, from 0500 to 1000z, and then 1800 to 2200z. QSL via EA5GL.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Mike, W6QT is QRV as DU3/W6QT from Olongapo City until the end of January. QSL to home call.

ETHIOPIA, ET. Bob, W9XY plans to be QRV from the ET3AA club station at Addis Ababa University's Institute of Technology until January 20. Activity will be on the higher bands. QSL via N200.

CLIPPERTON ISLAND, FO. Look for TX5S to be QRV for 16 days beginning January 17. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, 6 meter EME, and active on various Satellites. QSL via operators' instructions.



WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS, FW. Jean-Gabriel, F4CIX is QRV as FW1JG from Wallis Island, IOTA OC-054, until the end of January. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

THAILAND, HS. A group of operators are QRV as E20AX/p from Lipe Island, IOTA AS-126, until January 14. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8 with two stations. QSL via E21EIC.

DOMINICA, J7. Laurent, FM5BH and David, F8AAN will be QRV as J79BH and J79AN, respectively, from January 17 to 24. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL direct to home calls.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Take, JG8NQJ will be QRV as JD1/JG8NQJ from the weather station on Marcus Island, IOTA OC-073, from January 15 until mid April. Activity will be in his spare time on the HF bands using CW and some FT8. QSL direct to JA8CJY.

GREENLAND, OX. Special event stations OX24QUEEN and OX24KING will be QRV from January 12 to 14, and January 14 to 16 respectively, to mark the abdication on January 14 of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, and the ascension of King Frederik X to the throne. QSL via OZ1ACB.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Special event stations OY24QUEEN and OY24KING will be QRV from January 12 to 14, and January 14 to 16 respectively, to mark the abdication on January 14 of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, and the ascension of King Frederik X to the throne. QSL via OZ1ACB.

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SABA, SINT EUSTATIUS, PJ5. Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as PJ5/SP9FIH until March 3. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters, and possibly 60 meters, using SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

PALAU, T8. Operators JH6WDG, JA6KYU, and JA6EGL are QRV as T88AQ, T88HS, and T88SM, respectively, from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, until January 18. Activity is on various bands and modes. QSL T88AQ via JH6WDG, and T88HS and T88SM direct to home calls.

GABON, TR. Roland, F8EN is QRV as TR8CR until February 28. Activity is on 30 to 10 meters using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

MALI, TZ. Jeff, K1MMB is QRV as TZ4AM from Bamako. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB, with a beacon on 6 meters as TZ6HY/B. QSL via KX4R.

MONTSERRAT, VP2M. Thaire, W2APF is QRV as VP2MDX until April 11. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, FM, and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

INDIA, VU. Operators VU3EFG, VU3FJT, and VU20GQ are QRV as AT5D from Kanyakumari

until January 31 for a Beaches On The Air activation. QSL via VU3EFG.

ST. HELENA, ZD7. Elvira, IV3FSG will be QRV as ZD7Z from Jamestown from January 16 to February 4. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters, including 60 meters, using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via IK2DUW.

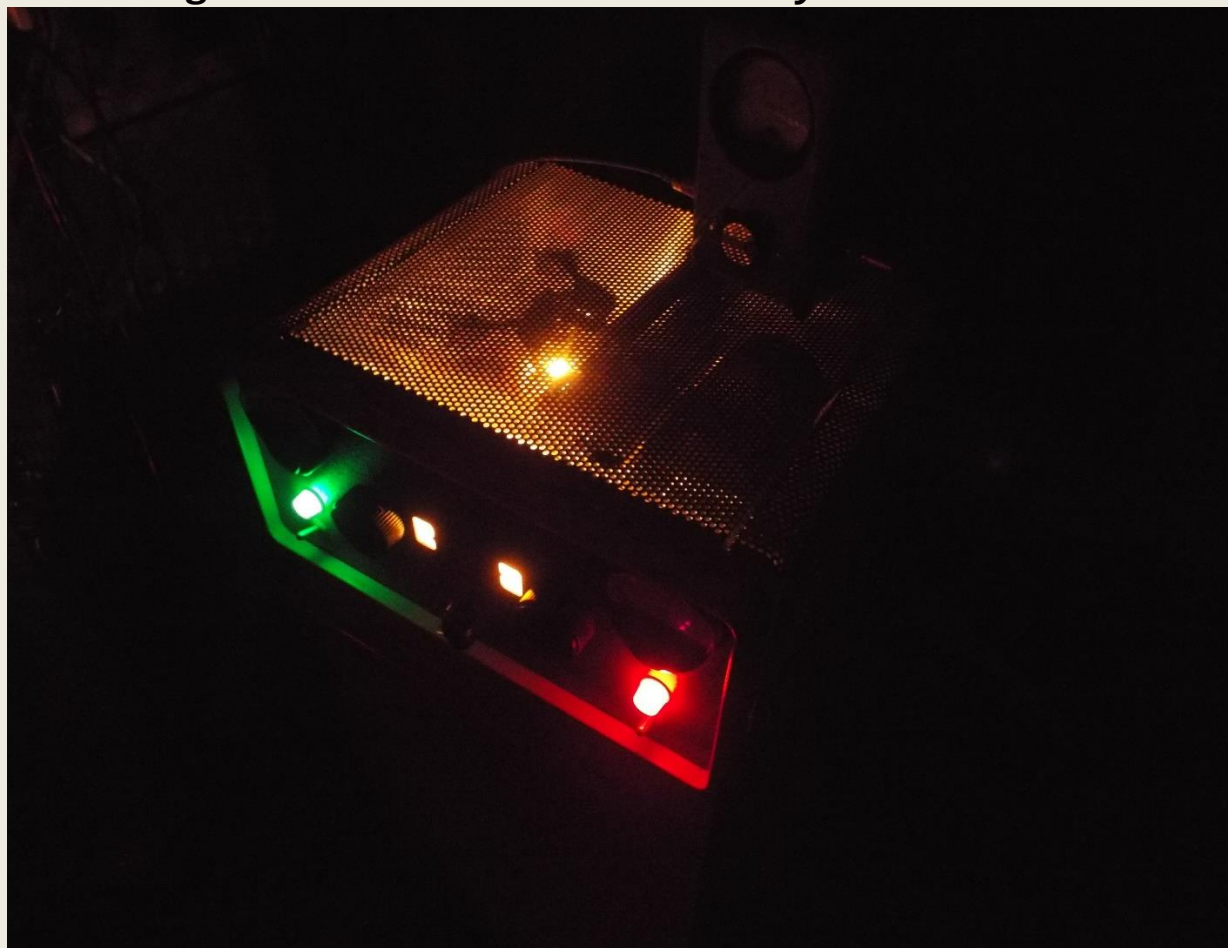
CHATHAM ISLANDS, ZL7. Station ZL7DX has been active on 6 meters using FT8 around 2100z. QSL via M00X0.

*THANKS ARRL DX BULLETIN!*

**SHACK WARMER!**

**DE K7KF**

John Spencer sent over the pic below and suggestions a new shack warming device on a cold Jan. day!



**REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR 2024 DUES TO W0ZAP OR USE THE KCDXC WEB PAGE AND THE PAYPAL LINK!**

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